

REAL



Contemporary Worship

May 10, 2026



THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!

We are so glad you are here, and we would love to connect with you. Let us know you are here by scanning this QR code or by visiting:
www.canterburyumc.org/attendance

We look forward to connecting with you!

Senior Pastor - Rev. Keith Thompson

Pastor - Rev. Hill Carmichael

Pastor - Rev. Tori Hastings

Pastor - Dr. Bill Morgan

Pastor - Rev. Matthew Montgomery

Pastor - Dr. Rick Owen

Youth Pastor - Rev. Gann Waters - Wright

Bishop in Residence - Dr. Mike Watson

Director of Contemporary Music - Natalie Moon



Who Are We

As people of the church, we are committed to following Jesus with an authentic faith. We seek to be real and authentic in every part of our lives because we believe that Jesus wants to know us. We also believe that Jesus wants to meet us wherever we are in life. At Canterbury United Methodist Church, this is what it means to be in relationship with Christ. Jesus said the most important thing we can do is to love God with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind, and love our neighbor as our self. This simple yet profound statement represents the real grace and real love Jesus has for all people, particularly those whom the rest of the world often overlooks. This statement from Jesus also represents the very nature of who God is. Through sharing real grace and real love with people, Jesus brought healing into their lives. At Canterbury, we seek to follow Jesus' example, striving to share and experience real grace and real love in our real life.

Real Grace

Grace stands as a central tenant to our community. It is at the very core of who we are as children of God because it is part of our lives before we are even aware of it. We confess that we are each imperfect, regularly falling short of our own standards and God's. God loves us anyway just as we are. God initiates every relationship with us through grace. God's grace can never be earned, it is all gift. We, as God's children, strive to do the same with each other. We start with grace given to us by God. We live offering the same grace to ourselves and one another.

Real Love

In a world where people are sometimes criticized for being different, the people of the church are called to be intentionally different. Our Holy Scriptures remind us that we are all created in the image of God; and, if God is Love, then we are created in the image of love. God as revealed in Jesus Christ is what real love looks like. When we are most true to who we are created to be, we are loving. At Canterbury, we seek to embody that love is patient and kind ... and we particularly like it best when it is a verb.

Real Life

God constantly invites us into a life of full connection with God and others through Jesus Christ. This is the real life we are created for. Nothing but relationship with God and each other will truly satisfy the longing inside us. We believe this is the path to real, abundant life. Our desire is to walk this path together.

Welcome to Canterbury

We are so glad you chose to worship with us today!

We want you to feel at home. Through close relationships, the study of scripture, education, and caring for others, our goal is to connect you to God, each other, and His world in a real and meaningful way. We want to be a place where you will meet Jesus exactly where you are. You will find a community of real people, led by leaders who express their real experiences to help renew and empower you to follow Him. So no matter where you are in life, we invite you to come as you are and to live for something greater. If you need help finding your way around, we have welcome guides located at our main entrances and outside the worship areas. We look forward to connecting with you!

WORSHIP:

Children in Worship All children are welcome in worship! The sights, sounds, and interactions of worship are appropriate for every age. Worship Activity bags, Sensory bags, and other resources are available as you enter. If you have a child with sensory challenges who might need a break from worship, we have a Sensory Room located on the 2nd floor of the Children's Building. Excellent nursery care is available to children through 4 years.

- *Make sure your children get a worship activity pack from the wall when entering Canterbury Center.*
- *The Children's Comfort Room is in the back hallway.*

Worship Online We strive to be a church that is accessible to you whenever and however you need us! All worship services are available online:

Website:

www.canterburyumc.org/worship/worship-online

YouTube:

www.youtube.com/@CanterburyUMC

NEXT STEPS

If you are new to Canterbury, this is a great class for those who want to learn more about our church. Held on Sunday mornings, it provides an overview of what makes Canterbury thrive. You can find out more about the church, ask questions, and make personal connections. Sundays, 9:15-10:15 AM in the Dining Room. For questions or to sign up for the next session, please contact Becky King at becky.king@canterburyumc.org.

MEET WITH OUR PASTORS:

Our pastors would love to meet with you over coffee and get to know you. You can bring any questions you might have and get to know a little more about Canterbury, and anything else you want to talk about. Contact Matthew Montgomery at matthew.montgomery@canterburyumc.org or 205-868-6588, to set that up.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WORSHIP IS AN AWARENESS AND EXPRESSION OF GOD'S PRESENCE LIVED OUT MOMENT BY MOMENT

We Gather In God's Presence

Rest On Us

Welcome & Greeting

Children's Moment

We Prepare Our Hearts With Song

Made for More

Great is Thy Faithfulness

We Respond To God

God's People Pray

God's People Give

Love Like This

We Listen For God's Voice

John 14: 15-21

Sermon

Blessed Assurance

We Go To Live Like Jesus

Reminder of God's Promises

A Challenge to Live Like Jesus

SERMON NOTES:

Happening at Canterbury

Side by Side Chorus Spring Concert

May 12 | 2 PM

Motown Edition! Join us on Tuesday in Canterbury Hall for our Side by Side Spring Concert! Enjoy classic Motown favorites as our Encore musicians come together in a spirited performance full of energy, rhythm, and fun. Bring a friend and join us for this uplifting celebration! Free admission - donations will be accepted to benefit the Respite For All Foundation.

6th Grade Faith Milestone

May 17 | 9:15 AM

We are excited to see you and your 6th grader next Sunday at 9:15 in the Youth Center. We will learn about what it means to join the church through both Confirmation and YAC!
Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children

Summer Combined Worship

Begins May 24 | 10:30 AM

Summer is almost here and we will begin the combined schedule for 10:30 AM worship starting Memorial Day Weekend. Also, Sunday School will not be held on May 24.

Note: New Traditions will be held each Sunday at 8:15 AM as regularly scheduled.

10:30 AM WORSHIP

- MAY 24 Combined in Sanctuary
- MAY 31 Combined in Canterbury Center
- JUNE 7 Combined in Sanctuary
- JUNE 14 Combined in Canterbury Center
- JUNE 21 Combined in Sanctuary
- JUNE 28 Combined in Canterbury Center

Encore 10 Year Celebration

May 31 | 11:30 AM



Encore is turning 10 this summer, and we'd love for you to celebrate with us!

Join us on May 31 at 10:30 during the Contemporary Service for a special Encore recognition, then continue the celebration at 11:30 in Canterbury Hall with refreshments, fellowship, and everyone's Encore favorite -- banana pudding!

Register for Youth Summer Activities

Make plans for an unforgettable summer!

- Senior High Lake Trip (June 5-7)
A fun-filled weekend at Lake Martin with time on the water, games, and meaningful connection. Open to students entering grades 10-12.
- Junior High Adventure (June 15-18)
Head to the Nantahala Outdoor Center in North Carolina for rafting, outdoor activities, and tons of fun. Open to students entering grades 7-9.
- Magic City Work Week (July 12-18)
A powerful week of service and community as we partner with Riverchase UMC to serve in West End, with daily mission work and worship. Open to students entering grades 7-12.
Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth

Vacation Bible School | July 20-23

This summer we are going to soar through the stars on an intergalactic adventure to discover all the wonderful ways of God! Join us for STARSTRUCK and learn about all of the amazing things God has done! Cost is free and is for rising 4K-3rd grade.

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SUMMER WORSHIP

This summer at Canterbury, join us for worship at 8:15 AM in the Chapel for New Traditions* or for a combined worship service at 10:30 AM.

** New Traditions will not be held on July 6.*

10:30 AM Worship Location Rotation:

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| May 24 | Sanctuary Worship |
| May 31 | Contemporary Worship |
| June 7 | Sanctuary Worship |
| June 14 | Contemporary Worship |
| June 21 | Sanctuary Worship |
| June 28 | Contemporary Worship |
| July 5 | Sanctuary Worship |
| July 12 | Contemporary Worship |
| July 19 | Sanctuary Worship |
| July 26 | Contemporary Worship |
| August 2 | Sanctuary Worship |
| August 9 | Contemporary Worship |



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